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## Tillamook

Story and photos by Jerry Thomas except as noted

You would not be alone if the word **Tillamook** conjures up mental images of luscious melting cheese on buttered, grilled bread. Mmmm! After all, Tillamook, Oregon is home to the century-old

*Tillamook County Creamery Association*, the dairy co-op that ships 130 million pounds per year of aged cheddar cheese to grocery stores across the country.

Ok, relax, this is not a story about cheese.

If you found yourself in Tillamook, Oregon you'd be about as far west as you can get in the lower forty-eight. Driving south from town along coastal Highway 101, you would soon spot an unmistakable wooden hangar plunked firmly down in the farmland between the mountains and the sea with the fading words "Air Museum" visible across its arched roof. What makes it unmistakable is its sheer size. Over 1,000 feet long, 296 feet wide, 15 stories high, and constructed of 2 million board feet of lumber, it's the largest clear-span wooden structure in the world. Trust me, you couldn't miss it.

Built by the US Navy in 1943, Hangar B and its twin, Hangar A, (destroyed by fire in 1992) housed 8 blimps each, used for anti-submarine patrol along the entire Pacific coast. Today, the blimps are long gone and it is home to the **Tillamook Air Museum**.

The hangar now looms over an eclectic collection of some 30 warbirds, a half-dozen antique fire trucks, a couple of rotorcraft, a



retired Aero-  
Spacelines Mini-  
Guppy that may  
have once carried  
the Pioneer 10  
spacecraft, a  
handful of notable  
homebuilts  
including a Rutan  
Long E-Z, the  
forward fuselage  
of a Convair 880,

one Learjet, a 1938 Bellanca Aircruiser that missed its chance at making history (*see sidebar on the next page*), a rather lost-looking 1917 Heisler locomotive, and a Douglas A-4 Skyhawk that lives on a post along Hwy. 101. (*See Planes on Posts*).

So, imagine yourself driving along the coast of Oregon with your souvenir one-pound brick of cheese on the seat next to you, staring in awe at an immense hangar in the middle of nowhere, thinking, "Amazing, but what the heck does it have to do with EAA Chapter 932?"



Fair question.

As it turns out, our own long-time chapter member, Jeff Hill, flew Convair 880s for TWA during the early 70's. He has recently

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**Capt. Jeff Hill, Boy Pilot**

*Photo provided by Jeff*

been consulting with the Tillamook Air Museum's Curator, Christian Gurling, on the cockpit restoration of their 880, providing the museum with checklists, control panel diagrams and other useful information.

The plan is to restore the forward fuselage so visitors can walk through get a peek at the cockpit, lavatory, and buffet. Though there is much more work to be done, the museum hopes to open the unfinished restoration for viewing later this summer. You can follow the museum's restoration progress at: <http://www.tillamookair.com/convair-880-restorationn/>



**Ongoing Convair 880 Restoration**  
*Photo courtesy of the Tillamook Air Museum*

Hey Jeff, we hope be able to post a new photo of you sitting in the left seat of that 880...maybe with a grilled cheese sandwich? ✈️

For more information on the Tillamook Air Museum, please go to the museum's website at <http://www.tillamookair.com/>

## Almost Famous...

Among the Tillamook Air Museum's collection of aircraft, is one of the only remaining 1938 Bellanca Aircruisers, which may be most notable as the airplane that Charles Lindbergh *almost* flew into the history books.



When Lucky Lindy went shopping for a suitable airplane for his New York to Paris flight, he and his team set their sights on a modified Aircrusier. They thought they made a deal when suddenly, Mr. Charles Levine, chairman of the Colombia Aircraft Corporation, the broker for Bellanca, insisted on choosing his own crew to make the historic flight. Understandably, this offended Lindbergh who ordered his custom-built *Spirit of St. Louis* from the Ryan Aircraft Company. Lindbergh made the transatlantic flight and the *Spirit* became world famous.

Today, one aircraft hangs from the ceiling at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, DC. The other can be visited in a blimp hangar in Tillamook, Oregon. ✈️

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Note: the *Spirit of St. Louis* on display at the EAA Museum in Oshkosh is a full-size, flight-worthy replica of the original airplane.

### Editor's note:

*Aviation museums like Tillamook are care givers for the dreams and experiences of those that have gone before. Providing that care begins with quality donors, enlightened sponsors and generous benefactors. But such places live or die by their ability to draw dedicated volunteers and donations from aviation enthusiasts like you and me. I encourage you to seek out these living repositories of thought and imagination and to take the time to visit when you happen on them. They need and appreciate your support.*

*Special thanks to both the Tillamook Air Museum and its Curator, Mr. Christian Gurling, for his cooperation and permission to use two of the photos in this issue, and to our own Jeff Hill for providing the connection that sent me searching thru my old photos and memories from a years ago road trip along Hwy 101.*



# The President's Page

Arnie Quast, President, EAA Chapter 932



Hello EAA Chapter 932 Members,

Happy New Year!

It is hard to believe that January is behind us, and the new year is in full swing. Time flies by pretty darn quick!

2018 wound down quietly for us at EAA Chapter 932. In December and January, our chapter board met to discuss activities, gatherings, and initiatives that we would like to accomplish in 2019. I think you'll find that we will have quite a few interesting things in the pipeline for the upcoming year. I encourage you to follow our latest news and events on our chapter website at [www.eaa932.org](http://www.eaa932.org).

## Chapter Social

We kicked off the year with a chapter social at the Rusty Nail Saloon located near Galt Airport. The event was well attended and we all enjoyed some good fellowship. The staff at the Rusty Nail offered up an excellent buffet dinner. Throughout the event, a slide show of the past year's events ran on a big screen. We recognized individuals who have served the chapter in 2018.

When I reflect on the past year, I am impressed by what our chapter has accomplished. The volunteerism from our members, the support from the chapter board, the help and cooperation from JB Aviation, the CAP and Galt Airport has been simply amazing. We have much to be proud of within our Galt Airport community.

## New Board Members for Scholarship and Membership Committees

We have several new folks that will be serving on our board in the coming year. Thanks to Deena

Schwartz for stepping up to lead our Scholarship Committee. The Ed Moricoli Scholarship will continue under Deena's stewardship. We also hope to participate in the new Ray Aviation Scholarship provided through the EAA. Chad Genengels has stepped up to be our Membership Chair. Chad and his wife, Beth, have become very active with our chapter over the past year, and we appreciate all of their participation.

## Ray Aviation Scholarship

EAA Chapter 932 is applying to be a sponsor of the new Ray Aviation Scholarship through the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) in Oshkosh. In short, through the generous support of the Ray Foundation, up to 100 EAA Chapters selected from around the country will be able to provide and mentor one young individual between the ages of 16 and 19 with a flight training

scholarship of up to \$10,000. We hope that our chapter will be one of the chapters selected to award a future aviator with this scholarship opportunity. In March we will learn if we have been chosen to take part in the Ray Scholarship program. Deena Schwartz has volunteered to be our coordinator for

this opportunity. Let's see how we do! If you would like to find out more about the Ray Scholarship, please check out this link: <https://www.eaa.org/en/ea/ea-chapters/ea-chapter-resources/chapter-programs-and-activities/ray-aviation-scholarship-fund>.

## February and March Gatherings

On February 9th we will have our first regular



Award recipients from left: Deena Schwartz, Paul Sedlacek, Daniela Knoll, Bill Tobin, Arnie Quast, Joe Feigel, Kim Feigle, Jerry Thomas, Craig Knickerbocker and Dawn Knickerbocker. Photo courtesy of Beth Genengels

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chapter gathering of the year. Chapter member Marty Papanek has been successfully involved in several partnerships and has some good information to share on how to pursue this more affordable way to fly. I hope you can join us for this informative discussion. A hot dog lunch will follow with some good side dishes for everyone to enjoy. Please check our website for more information on this gathering. <https://eaa932.org/event/aircraft-partnerships/>

In March, we plan an offsite gathering at Poplar Grove Airport (C77). Don Perry of EAA Chapter 1414 is leading the restoration of a Curtis Jenny Biplane. We will gather at Don's hangar (it's heated!) at Poplar Grove where he will give us a rundown on the restoration. The drive to Poplar Grove is about 45 minutes from Galt directly to our west. Those who would like to fly over are welcome

to do so. It's about a 15-minute hop from Galt. After visiting the Jenny project, you are welcome to join us at the nearby Hyde Out Bar and Grill for lunch. More information on this gathering will be available on our website as the gathering date draws closer. <https://eaa932.org/event/jenny-project/>

As we live through the polar vortex here in Northern Illinois, please stay warm, and fly safe! I hope to see all of you at chapter gatherings throughout the year!

Best regards,

*Arnie*  
Arnie

**Up next...**

# **Making Flying Affordable with an Aircraft Partnership**

**February 9 @ 9:30 am - 12:00 pm in the Galt Studio**

Have you ever dreamed about owning your own airplane? Has the cost of ownership kept you from pursuing that dream?

An aircraft partnership could be the way to get over that hurdle!

Chapter member Marty Papanek will lead an interactive discussion of partnerships as a way to lower the costs of buying and owning an airplane. Marty will guide us through the intricacies of the process while presenting real-world examples of how a



partnership can be structured.

You are welcome to bring any interested friends, relatives or neighbors. You might end up being partners! (For the record: this event is not a sales presentation.)

We'll finish with a quick and simple complimentary lunch of salad, hot dogs and chips. Condiments will be available to dress your dog to taste.

**See you there!**

**Beginning with this issue, Galt Traffic welcomes news from the McHenry County Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol to its pages...**



**Civil Air Patrol**  
**McHenry County Composite Squadron**  
**Galt Airport**  
<http://il263.ilwg.cap.gov>



### **Emergency Services Training**

On January 25th and 26th members from McHenry County Composite Squadron (MCCS) consisting of adults and cadets participated in a state wide training mission for emergency services at Camp Tomo-Chi-Chi Knolls in Gilberts, IL. This annual training mission called the "ICE BOWL" is designed to provide Civil Air Patrol members search and rescue training in adverse conditions as well as testing capabilities of rescue equipment in extreme weather conditions. With temperatures reached -15(F) these members were put to the test this time although the normal winter camping was moved indoors for safety precautions.

With two certified evaluators on staff MCCS is quickly training new members that wish to participate in volunteer search and rescue missions for the community locally and nationally during national emergencies such as hurricanes, tornados, and flooding.

For more ICE BOWL pictures:

<https://civilairpatrol.smugmug.com/Great-Lakes-Region/Illinois-Wing/Wing-Activities/2019/IL-Wing-2019-Icebowl>



### **Volunteer positions openings at McHenry County Composite Squadron**

#### **Administration Specialist**

Administration Officer, Personnel Officer

#### **Leadership Mentor for Youth**

Activity Leader/Orientation flights, Chaplain

#### **Health and Wellness Specialist**

Certified First Aid Trainer

#### **Pilots**

Cadet Orientation Pilots, Mission Pilots

McHenry County Composite Squadron meets every Tuesday evening at Galt Airport. If you are interested in emergency services training with the Civil Air Patrol or one of the position openings, contact Major Craig Knickerbocker at [IL263@ilwg.cap.gov](mailto:IL263@ilwg.cap.gov).

For more information about Civil Air Patrol's primary missions of Aerospace Education, Cadet Programs and Emergency services visit [www.gocivilairpatrol.com](http://www.gocivilairpatrol.com).







# Off the Top of My Head

Cogitations and Ruminations from Jerry Thomas, Editor EAA Chapter 932

## Meanwhile...

Someone parked their McDonnell Douglas MD-87 at the Madrid-Barajas airport in Madrid, Spain and forgot to feed the meter. Sometime in 2010, someone - a pilot, presumably - flew plane in, had its engines and



pitot system sealed and then took a hike. The director of the airport recently placed a notice in the Official State Gazette where she

reported the jet's "license plate" number and obvious state of abandonment. By law, the notice has to appear in the Gazette three months in a row. If it remains unclaimed after a year, it will be put up for auction. On the off chance that it's yours and you simply forgot where you parked it, please call Madrid now. Just a guess, but the tires might need air.

[https://elpais.com/elpais/2019/01/21/inenglish/1548063549\\_611743.html](https://elpais.com/elpais/2019/01/21/inenglish/1548063549_611743.html)



When the temps drop in New Hampshire, the Alton Bay Ice Runway and Seaplane Base (B18) plows 01/19, creating the only ice runway in the lower 48 that is registered with the FAA and appears on charts. It's admittedly flexible length is between 2,300 and 2,700 feet

long with a 100 foot width. A parallel taxiway and parking apron are also cleared. No word on fuel, but you'll be relieved to learn that a cigar shop is within walking distance.

<https://www.facebook.com/AltonBaySeaplaneBaseandIceRunway/>



The space plane company that was largely funded by the late high tech billionaire, Paul Allen, has drastically cut back on its plans to expand the project. The original plan for the Stratolauncher, the world's largest aircraft, a six-engine goliath made with parts from 747's, was to serve as a launch vehicle for rockets slung between its twin fuselages that would deliver satellites into orbit. The company had also announced ambitious plans to develop its own line of rocket launchers. However, after Allen's death, his estate apparently doesn't quite have the same vision. The company has cut its staff by 50, leaving only about 20 employees to see if they can get the behemoth to actually fly. Its starting to sound like a candidate for the **Tillamook Air Museum** in Oregon. Why not? Another museum in Oregon already has the *Spruce Goose*.

<https://www.seattletimes.com/business/boeing-aerospace/after-paul-allens-death-stratolaunch-cuts-sharply-back-but-giant-plane-will-still-fly/>

<https://www.stratolaunch.com/>

# 2019 Chapter Events

Feb 9: Aircraft Partnerships - Marty Papanek

Mar 9: Poplar Grove to see Don Perri's Jenny project

April 13: Panel/Avionics Upgrades

May 11: Chapter Gathering

May 25: APA/ALPA Family Breakfast

June 15: Barnstormer's Day

July 13: Young Eagles Rally

Aug 10: Chapter Gathering

Sept. 14: Chapter Gathering

Oct 5: Planes 'n Puppies

Oct 12: Chapter Gathering

Nov 9: Chapter Gathering

Watch our  
webpage  
for the most  
current  
information

## Member Profile

### Marty Papanek and Monica Jablonski

Marty and Monica have been EAA members since 2016. Monica and Marty met when they were 12 years old, went through school together and fell in love after a high school reunion in 2016.

Marty got interested in aviation in 1969 after a flight by his parent's friend out of Chicago Executive airport and the moon landing. He joined the Army out of high school to be a helicopter crewchief. After getting his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Illinois in Aeronautical and Aerospace Engineering, he worked for Boeing as an avionics flight test/flight simulation engineer. He also worked as an engineer for McDonnell-Douglas Helicopter Company in flight simulation, Rockwell Collins in software, flight testing and avionics systems. Finally, he worked as an Avionics Certification Engineer for the FAA. He was a co-owner of a Piper Arrow in Cedar Rapids, Iowa where he received his private and



instrument ratings. After moving to Woodstock, he bought into a 3-person partnership on a 1981 Piper Archer II in Rockford. He is currently is a member of Midwest Sky Chasers, LLC with a 1976 Piper Archer based at Galt. Presently, Marty is enjoying retirement by playing ice hockey, skiing, making beer and, of course, flying.

Monica was interested in joining the Air Force and becoming a flight attendant after high

school but family obligations prevented this from happening. After reconnecting with Marty, Monica has developed an interest in learning as much about flying to assist Marty for future flights.

We are so excited to have an airplane and EAA 932 only 4.5 miles from our apple orchard north of Woodstock, hoping to become more involved with EAA Chapter 932 and meeting more members. We love the aviation community at Galt! ✈️



*It is with great pride that Galt Traffic yet again presents*

## Planes on Posts

This month's contribution to our fine collection is actually connected to our feature story. Direct from the Hwy 101 roadside outside of the **Tillamook Air Museum** in Oregon is this beautiful **Douglas A4-B Skyhawk**, with gear up, roaring into the sky. *Thanks to the museum's Curator, Christian Guriling for permission to present this beauty here.*

*Keep the photos coming! Send your's to [editor@eaa932.org](mailto:editor@eaa932.org)*